UMAPUR TANK IN BASAVAKALYAN TALUK

74. SRI BAPURAO ANANDRAO (Basavakalyan) :— Will the Minister for Public Works and Electricity be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Government is aware of the existance of the Umapur tank in Basavakalyan taluk of Bidar District;

(*b*) whether the Government has received any representations to improve the tank and evict the unauthorised cultivators and occupants in tank bed area ;

(*c*) if so, the steps taken by the Government to evict them ?

SRI H.M. CHANNABASAPPA(Minister for Public Works and Electricity) :--

(*a*) Yes

(*b*) Yes

(*c*) 14 Harijans are in possession of the tank bed on the basis of allotment orders issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bidar. Therefore no steps are taken by Government to evict them.

SRI BAPURAO ANANDRAO :— What is the area of the tankbed of the Umapur Tank in Basvakalyan Taluk ?

*SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA :— The Umapur Tank is not in the P.W.D. list and therefore we have not taken the trouble of measuring the extent of water-spread area.

SRI BAPURAO ANANDARAO :— Whether the Government is ready to pay compensation amount to the persons who are in possession of the tankbed and reconstruct the tank ?

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA :— The tankbed has already been disposed of by the Deputy Commissioner for cultivation long before the Police Action or sometime after the police action. Therefore it may be difficult to resume the land.

SRI BAPURAO ANANDARAO :— Can you not pay compensation and resume the tankbed ?

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA :— It is not possible to resume the land because the tankbed has been disposed of some where about 1948 or 1949 to the raiyats. Whether it is going to be profitable to acquire the land and construct a new tank is another question which has to be examined.

SRI BAPURAO ANANDARAO :— Thre is no question of constructing a new tank but it is only restoring the old tank which has been occupied by other persons for cultivation purposes.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA :— Please note that the land is not under unauthorised occupation. When the land was granted, the Basavakalyan was a Jahagir area. When the Jahagir was there during the Nizam's time, the land was not at all meant for the constuction of a tank Some how tank has been constucted, a sluice has been provided and the lands have also been given for cultivation and the raiyats have lowered the wastewier and the land is under cultivation since 1949. It will be difficult now to go back and reconstruct the tank or improve the tank after acquiring the lands. If this tank has to be restored, the economics of it will have to be worked out and if it is found profitable, we shall examine it.

MADAM SPEAKER :— Now Question Hour is over